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Dear Friend,

92 I have just got here, at the house of my dear old friend Thos. Moultrie, Junr.; & feel great pleasure in breathing an atmosphere where I am not obliged at every turn to be trying to prove that a man's a man for all that colour. Really for an Englishman to come to this god head country, & find the whites believing what old John Bull never cordially believed even 50 years ago, is too bad; & then to be told of the tyranny of our institutions; bah! Of course I expected to find slavery in the slave states; tho' even there I was surprised to find the decent people not only justifying slavery but strongly preferring it to living in free countries, & philanthropically intending to continue it; but to find the Am<sup>n</sup> people generally, with only very few exceptions, having something dirty to say against the coloured people, & these new states shutting them out of the constituency, is too bad. It's enough



to make any Englishman, however Democratic,  
turn Tory.

I have been refreshing myself with reading up  
the Liberator you so kindly sent to Chicago. The  
article in the Apr. number of the Edinb' Review,  
which I was fortunate in seeing at the Merc. Lib.  
at St. Louis, supplied all my wants. Of course  
it is from the pen of our friend H.M.? I presume  
you have read it; if not, you must. The West  
Indies, as they are & were.

So to this moment I have not opened my  
mouth in public in your country! My ban  
is of course removed; as it is not likely any  
thing will call me into the slave states again.  
If I can be of any use when I come back to  
the East, you will tell me what to do.

I shall probably spend Sept: on the Lakes  
& St. Lawrence; & Oct: in finishing my work  
at Albany. If my dollars last, I talk of going  
to Ontonago<sup>?</sup> on Lake Superior; thence to Mackinaw,  
Clingwood & Toronto; down the St. Lawrence & up  
the Saguenay; & back by the White Mountains.  
Then I think I shall have seen a pretty fair specimen



of your country. I have been delighted with  
Minnesota; not so proslavery as Illinois, but  
bad enough. The crops there are magnificent  
in the extreme. If people will emigrate  
to the States, let them go there; but for my  
own part I love free Canada best, & the  
more solid ways of the people.

If I have to come back to Boston, as  
I most likely shall to do some photographing,  
I sh<sup>d</sup>. like to accept either M<sup>rs</sup> Tollen's kind  
invitation or yours, & get some congenial  
atmosphere.

The English friends with whom I stopped at  
Mininger in Minn. knew your eldest son  
very well.

My very kind rem<sup>s</sup> to all friends who care  
to remember me; especial love to the small  
Garrisonian, & hope he will keep a boy as long  
as he can.

Yr ever aff<sup>l</sup>

Philip Carpenter

M<sup>rs</sup> L. Garrison



